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1. General.

Local developments continue to indicate arrangements by the various factions for combined action against Government forces, and Burma Communist Party (BCP) sabotage attacks on communications continue.

In Yamethin there are signs of concerted action being planned by the BCP against Government-held towns in Central Burma.

The area Prome-Thayetmyo-Taungup is much disturbed by People's Volunteer Organization (PVO) activities. Although many concentrations are reported, and they have ambitious plans, the PVO do not appear to have attempted any major action. Their relations with the BCP are confusing and vary from place to place; in some districts they are co-operating with the BCP, while in others they are opposing them.

In the Delta Area, the Government's operations against the Karen National Defense Organization (KNDO) HQ village of Einme (95-10; 16-53) produced a hollow victory; the KNDO evacuated before the attack. The whole of the Delta area remains in a very disturbed state, and the insurgents appear to be concentrating on the dislocation of river communications. The BCP in the Kadonkani area (95-13; 15-49) now has a small fleet of one steamer and five motor boats.

In the Shan States there appears to have been a general improvement in the situation, though dacoities continue on a large scale and there has been one action with a band of Kuomintang (KMT) troops.

In the Arakan there has been a slight recrudescence of Arakan Muslim insurgent activity in North Arakan.

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Taunggyi Government troops advancing along the Pinlaung (96-47; 20-07) road re-occupied Thigvit (96-42; 20-24) on 10 November. The Taungthu leader, Bo HLA PE, and 30 Kachins were reported at Tonsewk (97-16; 20-36). Mopping up of the Aungban (96-38; 20-39) - Pinlaung area was reported completed on 11 November 1950.

Lashio. Hsenwi levies were in action against 110 KMT troops at Pangthi (98-07; 22-56) on 12 November.

3. Upper Burma

Myitkyina. A police party was ambushed by 50 PVO's at Mansen (96-49; 25-10) on 13 November.

Monywa.

- (a) Sniping of police pickets at Monywa was reported on 9 November.
- (b) The BCP is still fighting the PVO in the Sagaing - Monywa area.
- (c) In the areas occupied by them, the PVO is levying a road tax of Rs. 2/- per vehicle and Re. 1/- per 100 viss of merchandise.
- (d) Fifty members of the Communist Party (Burma) (CP(B)) are conducting a propaganda campaign.

Kyaukse.

- (a) Police and Army units were in action against 500 BCP rebels at Thingandon village near Myittha (96-08; 21-25) on 3 November.
- (b) A force of 500 BCP rebels was reported 10 miles west of Myittha on 13 November.
- (c) 200 BCP's are in the area Sunye (96-12; 21-40). Railway sabotage was reported north of Singaingmyo (96-06; 21-43) on 10 November. Two live shells prepared for use in demolitions were found in the jungle nearby.

Gangaw. Small parties of CP(B)'s were active on the Gangaw-Kalemyo road.

Pakokku. 50 CP(B) rebels attacked the guerrilla post on 11 November.

Meiktila.

- (a) The peoples guerrilla camp at Kyunbobin (95-12; 21-42) was attacked by the PVO on 10 November.
- (b) A detachment of the BTF (sic) was ambushed 3 miles south of Meiktila on 11 November.

4. Lower BurmaChauk-Prone Area.

- (a) The PVO attacked the BCP at Pwinbyu (94-40; 20-21) on 8 November and dispersed them.

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- (b) The BCP attacked and set fire to Okpo (94-36; 20-20) and Thanatwa (94-34; 20-19) on 13 November.
- (c) Three hundred BCP insurgents were located 12 miles south-east of Allammyo on 5 November. Four hundred BCP members under Bo AYE MAUNG arrived in the same area on 7 November.
- (d) The PVO's under Bo THEIN are fighting another group of PVO's in the area of Mindon (94-44; 19-21) on 14 November. Two hundred BCP's led by a Burma Rifles mutineer are concentrated at Alebo (95-16; 19-53).
- (e) Other insurgent concentrations include one hundred PVO's at Kyaukkyi, 16 miles west of Thayetmyo, on 12 November and 250 PVO's at the same place are believed to be in opposition. The latter party has a deserter from the Burma Electrical and Mechanical Engineers loading ammunition for them. Four hundred PVO's at Yenamma (94-47; 19-46) on 15 November under the well-known PVO leader, Bo AUNG NYUNT. Five hundred BCP's are at Mogyin, 30 miles east of Allammyo.
- (f) Seventy-five BCP's attacked the Mayabin gate, Prome, on the night of 11 November.
- (g) A convoy of 10 trucks was attacked on the Prome-Allammyo road on 15 November.
- (h) Traffic between Prome and Paungdale (95-23; 18-51) was suspended owing to bridge demolitions.

Toungoo-Pegu. Insurgent action against the road and railway lines of Communication continues. During the period under review there have been six attempts at sabotage of bridges.

Taikkyi. Six enlisted men of 22 Battalion Union Military Police (UMP) deserted with arms to the PVO on 12 November.

5. Moulmein

Thaton-Theinzeik. Government and KNDO activity was limited to patrolling by both sides.

PA-AN was shelled by the KNDO on 8 November. The gun was believed to be an 18-pounder.

6. The Delta Area.

There has been increasing activity by both KNDO and BCP. Eirne was occupied by Government forces on 11 November but reports indicate that the KNDO moved out the day before. Five hundred KNDO insurgents were reported to be returning to the area on 13 November.

Henzada. Insurgent sniping of river convoys continues. These convoys are now rendered more vulnerable by the falling water level which confines them to set channels. One hundred KNDO's attacked Taloktaw on 7 November. The peoples guerrilla force and police withdrew.

Maubin. Two hundred KNDO rebels occupied the area of Ahlichauung (95-36; 16-33) on 9 November.

Maungmva. The KNDO fought the BCP in the area of Kyagan (94-53; 16-17) on 10 November.

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Bassein. At a meeting of the BCP and the KNDO on 8 November it was agreed to take joint action against the Government.

Kyongyaw. Two thousand refugees held a protest meeting on 8 November against "malpractices of some Burma Socialist Party members".

Danubyu. The Henzada-Danubyu river service has been stopped owing to sniping by insurgents on 13 November.

Pyapon. The BCP have a fleet of one armed steamer and 5 motor boats. Eighty BCP-PVO rebels attacked Government troops at Taman (95-45; 16-16) on 13 November.

Bogale. Insurgent strength in the area is estimated at 200 KNDO's, 700 BCP's, and 150 PVO's.

7. The Arakan

Maungdaw. Mujahid strength in the area is estimated at 500. Maungdaw was attacked by a small party on the night of 9-10 November.

Sandoway. This has been reinforced by one platoon of UMP. The BCP is still threatening the town. One hundred and fifty PVO's led by Bo DUN SHWE have declared against the BCP and the CP(B).

Ramree. PVO propaganda states that Government forces are leaving next month. Some PVO's who wish to surrender are wavering.

Taungup. A jetty was burned by insurgents on 15 November.

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